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Explosive History Calls Navy EOD Deep Into Operation Iraqi Freedom

By JO1 Joseph Krypel

The misconception is that we blow things up," says Chief Boatswain's Mate John Crabtree, "but our goal, our real mission is to keep things from going boom and hurting a lot of people – or creating an ecological disaster that would devastate this area and it's people for years."

Crabtree, a 35-year-old Canal Winchester, Ohio native, and Master Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Technician is one in a long history of U.S. Navy EOD technicians – saving lives, saving locations, and remembering the devastation of the past.

Starting with the bitter and battle-torn experiences of the British in the early days of World War II, when the Germans began a demoralizing campaign against the British Isles, tons of explosive charges were purposely fused so as not to detonate until one to 80-hours later. At the height of the blitz, more than 2,200 separate areas within the city of London were evacuated because of unexploded bombs, and a large number of sea mines were washing ashore on Britain's beaches.

Faced with the immediate and urgent need to recover and dispose of the tremendous amount of unexploded ordnance, the British formed the first Mine and Bomb Disposal Squads - many of which died as a result booby-trapped ordnance.

Learning from the Allied experience, the first U.S. Naval Mine Disposal School was established at the Naval Gun Factory in 1941 – and the bomb disposal school was created just one month later.

Following WWII, the U.S. Navy consolidated its mine and bomb disposal units into a single EOD program.

Spanning the globe from the days of WWII - providing invaluable work clearing channels, harbors and captured fields of mines, unexploded bombs, projectiles and booby traps – the work of EOD teams has changed with the technology of the day, and with the threat of the times.

In all past, present and future conflicts, Navy EOD technicians have, and will continue to provide the highest level of protection to personnel and property. Their relentless efforts ensure joint and coalition forces have uninhibited battle space access as well as the free and safe movement of humanitarian aid.

Two primary targets in the beginning moments of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) were the gulf oil terminals of Mina Al Bakr (MABOT) and Khor Al Amaya (KAAOT), located within the Iraqi boundaries of the waters of the North Arabian Gulf.

These targets were important because the liberation of Iraq means the return of Iraqi assets to the people of Iraq from Saddam Hussein's regime and the Baath Party leadership.

MABOT and KAAOT are critical in that they are Iraq's only means of distributing oil from the extensive network of oil fields in the desert, through miles of pipeline, and finally into tankers that can then transit the world's oceans for commerce as part of the United Nation's Food for Oil program.

Saddam Hussein was aware of their importance, and hoped to deny access to the U.S. led coalition – by any means possible.

According to statements made by American-captured Iraqi prisoners of War, the hard working civilian crews of the oil platforms were removed from MABOT and KAAOT by Saddam's army just prior to the start of U.S. led advances on Iraq – and replaced with Iraqi military personnel, to include divers and ordnance experts.

"We all knew they had ordnance to use – we just had to ensure they didn't have the chance to use them," said Crabtree, leading Chief Petty Officer for EOD Mobile Unit (EODMU) Two, Detachment 20, homeported in Little Creek, Va.

Two teams of two EOD members joined U.S. Navy and Polish Special Operations in the opening seconds of Iraq's liberation during the late hours of March 19, 2003.

"We had trained for months – we knew our mission – and we were ready to do our job," explained Aviation Ordnanceman 1st Class Scott Hayward, a 34-year-old Rochester, N.Y. native and team member of EODMU-11, Det. 5, from Whidbey Island, Wash.

"We aren't a take-down team – we are explosive experts," continued Hayward, "Intelligence indicated the Iraqi Regime of Saddam Hussein had the ability and willingness to booby trap these platforms, just plain blow 'em up... So when Naval Special Warfare included EOD in this job, we were used in the

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Cleanin' Up: Camp Patriot Shows Pride & Appreciation Towards Home

By BMC Deondra Quarles

Most people don't live in a dirty house – so why would they want to live in a dirty camp,” said Engineering Aide 2nd Class Anthony Johnson of Vallejo, Calif. The residents of Camp Patriot don't, and recently took the opportunity to participate in all-hands' cleanup days.

The cleanup of and Camp Patriot took place February 23 and March 17, 2003. Coordinated by Amphibious Construction Battalion One (ACB-1) Beach Support Command (BSC), under the operational guidance of Lt. Cmdr. George Suther, this cleanup involved over 19 tenant commands, and over 800 individuals from every branch of service, and every corner of Camp Patriot.

The base, which encompasses over 200-acres of land, received a good field day by Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Airmen and Coast Guardsmen alike. “It really makes you feel better about living here when you know you live in a cleaner and healthier environment,” said camp maintenance director, Chief Steel Worker Daniel Kane, from Cohoe, N.Y.

Major areas of cleanup included the beaches, camp berthing spaces, ammunition staging areas and the transportation yards. To accommodate the base wide clean up, 4 additional dumpsters were ordered and staged around the camp for easy accessibility by all that participated.

Even though the cleanup lasted only a few hours both days, the preparation started several days in advance. The camp and base were broken down into several grid areas. Each unit, or command, was assigned a particular grid area based on the total number of personnel assigned to the individual unit. A representative from each command walked their grid prior to cleanup, and became familiar with their area of responsibility. “This walk through helped improve dumpster placement and resolved most questions concerning the disposal procedures of wood, metal, or other materials,” said Command Master Chief Kevin Eichmann, from Glidden, Wis.

After several hours of pitching in, Camp Patriot residents felt good about contributing to a stronger relationship between U.S. forces and the host nation – showing that the Kuwaiti invitation here was respected and appreciated. Camp Patriot residents proved that they were proud of their environment and surroundings.



Engineering Aide Constructionman Joseph Sanchez, a 22-year-old Chicago native assigned to Amphibious Construction Battalion Two, does his part during Camp Patriot's cleanup days recently. (Photo by PH3 Aaron Pineda)

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Rip to Fill Reservists Strong Backbone to Security

By ETC (SS) James Burrows *NCWG-1 Harbor Defense Command 114 Stand the Watch*

Across the country, in places like Milton, Vt., Houston, Texas, and Mesa Ariz., Naval Reservists are at home with their families or work not knowing that their lives are about to change.

Most are In Assignment Processing (IAP) which means they are in the reserves waiting for a billet assignment. In some cases this is due to making rate, or someone in the local units' area is assigned their billet, or they've just joined the reserve program.

The call comes in, "You have been involuntarily recalled, you are to report to the reserve center tomorrow, and will be flying to an unspecified location by

the end of the week".

Most had no idea this was coming and were given no details as to what the assignment is to be. As you scramble to make sure your personal life and job are in order, you can't help but be a little excited, and at the same time insecure.

As you arrive at your Naval Mobilization Processing Site for active duty processing, you are told that you are going to Kuwait and will be living in a tent. You never even knew the Navy had missions like this. Your idea of the Navy is haze gray and underway.

Given the critical time frame of the mission there is very little time for training, and in less than a week you are on

station in Camp Patriot Kuwait.

After the rude awakening it would be expected that it would take a while for adjustment. That is when the true professionalism of the Naval Reserves becomes clear. As evident by Naval Coastal Warfare, Harbor Defense Command 114 almost the entire section II watch team is *Rip to Fill*.

They rose to the occasion and fulfill the critical Force Protection Command and Control of Camp Patriot. As this scenario plays out across the United States and in all services, the people of America can be assured that its military is highly trained, versatile, and deeply committed to its country.



Naval Coastal Warfare, Harbor Defense Command 114, Section II Watch Team

CBR Training Note

The CFLCC area of operations, which includes Camp Patriot, has set Mission Oriented Protective Posture Ready - (MOPP Ready). All residents are to have your chemical protective suit, boots, gloves and masks within ten minutes of you. All medicinals should also be within ten minutes of you at all times. Notify your chain of command if you are missing any portion of your protective gear.

Here is a MOPP breakdown to remember:

MOPP Ready

Be within 10 minutes of all gear.

MOPP 0 - Modified

Carry masks and be within 10 minutes of your chemical gear.

MOPP 1

Wear chemical suit.

MOPP 2

Wear chemical suit and boots.

MOPP 3

Wear chemical suit, boots and mask.

MOPP 4

Wear chemical suit boots, mask and gloves.

State News Shorts . . .

District of Columbia

D.C. - After weeks of public hearings on fare hikes, Metro Board members met behind closed doors. Chairman Jim Graham described it as a chance for the different jurisdictions comprising Metro to identify their priorities and funding sources. Graham, who represents D.C., said repairing escalators and elevators are very high priorities.

Florida

Kissimmee - To prevent a repeat of a training accident that killed two Osceola County firefighters last year, the State Fire Marshal's Office is recommending that drastic changes be made in the training programs currently in place. The office is asking the Legislature to adopt national standards for live-fire training according to officials.

USA Today

Chaplains' Corner . . .

Gems of Conflict - Gems of Wisdom

By Capt. Alan Savage, USA

Pearls are very valuable gems that are produced by a mollusk called the "pearl oyster." Pearls begin as a source of irritant like a grain of sand that is trapped inside the oyster's shell. In order to protect itself, the oyster produces a crystalline substance known as nacre that coats the irritant with a smooth layer of iridescent chemical that acts as a lubricant and buffer from the foreign object. After years and years of this process, the layers of nacre build up until a beautiful pearl is formed. A common jewelry grade pearl will have a deep silky luster, smooth surface and manifest any one of a myriad of colors representing the environment and length of irritant inside the oyster. Interestingly, each pearl is created absolutely unique; no two are exactly alike. Dating back to antiquity, pearls have symbolized love, prosperity and wisdom. Biblical literature likewise invokes the beauty and value of the pearl and makes it analogous with a priceless commodity of great spiritual significance. The passage states, "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it" (Matthew 13:45,46).

Notice that the merchant did several things to gain this treasure: he diligently sought the pearl and then bought it by selling all that he had to obtain it. However, what he venerated so much to go to these extreme measures to obtain was actually produced through years and years of suffering from a particular irritant that at one time threatened its very existence. The immense beauty of

this precious gem was produced as a living creature found ways to accommodate particular "unexpected" problems that somehow found their way inside the oyster's shell. In a striking comparison, our lives are often very much the same aren't they? The greatest wisdom is generally found only after years of struggle with a particular problem that was originally "forced" upon us without permission. Through the power of God we find resources to accommodate and overcome these issues and emerge with a gem that contains great value—wisdom of life, insights to meaning and an overt appreciation of virtue.

What value do such abstract commodities possess? The answers to these questions directly reflect one's motivation to seek this great gem. This is only accomplished by "learning" from difficult situations and finding creative/constructive ways of perceiving the *struggles of life* to make one wiser. In this context, how appropriate are the words of Robert Kennedy in a speech regarding the tragic assassination of Martin Luther King given in Indianapolis, Indiana on April 4, 1968. Quoting Aeschylus (525-456 B.C) of antiquity in his classic work, *Agamemnon*, he proclaimed: "In our sleep, pain which cannot forget falls drop by drop upon the heart until, in our own despair, against our will, comes wisdom through the awful grace of God."

May we all use the present "irritating experiences" of separation from families, long work hours and immanent danger to produce within us the incredibly beautiful and valuable gem of "wisdom."

Holy Week and Easter Schedule for Chapel Services

Catholic Services

Palm Sunday (13th).....0800 / 2030
Holy Thursday (17th).....2030
Good Friday (18th).....2030
Easter Vigil (19th).....2030
Easter Sunday.....0800

Protestant Services

Palm Sunday (13th).....0930 / *1100
Holy Thursday (17th).....1900
Good Friday (18th).....1900
Easter Vigil (19th).....2030
Easter Sunday.....0930 / *1100

* denotes Episcopal and Lutheran Services

Easter Sunrise Service for All
0500 at the Parade Grounds

Quick Reference Phone Numbers

Watch Officer

618-6700

Medical Clinic

617-7280

Camp Patriot Chapel Services

Chaplains:

Cmdr. Jeffrey H. Seiler, CHC, USN
Cmdr. Terry Pletkovich, CHC, USNR
Lt. Cmdr. Francis Foley, CHC, USNR
Lt. Eric Verhulst, CHC, USNR
Lt. Hussain M. Shaikh, CHC, USNR
Chap. (Capt.) Alan Savage, USA

Catholic Mass

Mon - Tues.....1130
Fri - Sat.....1130
Sunday.....0800 / 2030
Tues.....Rosary/Confessions.....1930
Fri.....Staions of the Cross.....1930

Catholic Instruction / Faith Class

Monday.....1930

Muslim Salah Al-Jumua

Friday.....1230

Quran Study

Monday - Friday.....2030

Jewish Shabat

Friday.....1800

Buddhist Prayer

Saturday.....1200

Protestant Worship

Sunday.....0930

Episcopal / Lutheran Communion

Sunday.....1100

7th Day Adventist Sabbath Service

Saturday.....1700

LDS Services

Sunday.....1700

Prayer and Praise

Sunday.....1900

Wednesday.....1030 / 1900

Choir Practice

Tuesday.....2030

Bible Study

Tuesday / Thursday.....1215

Eastern Orthodox Divine Liturgy

Sunday.....TBD

Contact Cmdr. Seiler at 973-5964 for info

Happenings of Note This Week:



Navy Achievement - From left, Hull Technician 2nd Class Mathew Finan and Storekeeper 2nd Class Charles Ferris of Atlantic Ordnance Command Expeditionary Force recently received the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal for service while serving as ordnance material handlers in support of 3D Marine Aircraft Wing. Finan and Ferris performed without hesitation in responding to an emergency situation and immediately began stabilizing actions to a seriously injured Marine. Because of their diligent efforts and unrelenting resourcefulness, they were respected and admired by all who observed them. Well Done!



Four More Years - From left, Lt. Ed "Big Perm" Vernon presents Chief Engineman Ronaldo Cabales his Honorable Discharge just prior to his recent reenlistment. ENC (SW) Cabales is married to Maria Elena and is father to Roel-21 (an ET3 in the Navy), Rambo-17, Robin-13, and Ronnielen-9.

THANK YOU to the four and five year old children of the Young at Heart Center, Inc. in Libertyville, Il. for providing a box full of goodies to the men and women of the 143rd Transportation Command and JLOTS Staff!

Master Sgt. Curran

Saturday

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Weather Conditions	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Prtly - Mstly Cloudy	Prtly - Mstly Cloudy
TEMPS	65 / 82	73 / 85	72 / 90	69 / 92	70 / 92

What you had to say about . . .

The residents of Camp Patriot have the opportunity to voice their opinion or feelings on a particular topic. This week, we wanted to know about your plans! This weeks question was:

What is the first thing you are going to do when you get home?

(photos by PH3 Aaron Pineda)



MA1 Englander & Igor CNRSW K-9

"Igor and I will be spending some time away from each other - it's just the nature of the job - and we both will probably need it."



GM3 Clarence Kelly ACB-2

"Take it easy! I'll be spending missed time with family and friends and try to make up for the birthdays I missed while I was out here."



SWCR John Noriega ACB-1

"I plan on taking a 'Hollywood' shower and using a real, in-house, with plumbing toilet. Getting used to the little things again."



Spec. Derrick Ocean 24th BN

"I'm going to get my car from home, and spend some time with my family and friends. Relax and take a load off - everyone should."

EOD...

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manner we have always trained for.”

Hayward explained that he and other EOD team members were placed at the trailing end of the SEALs platoon – ensuring rear security, safety, and to act as additional aggressive resources only in the case of something going astray.

“When the coalition Special Forces teams were boarding the platform, we could see the Iraqis from our positions in the boats,” said Builder 1st Class Donald Shaw, 33 from Annapolis, Md., “and it became immediately apparent that they could see us.”

Shaw, a member of EODMU-2, Det. 20, homeported in Little Creek, Va., and the other members of the EOD team aboard, described what they say was the longest and most intense rush of adrenaline they have ever had – and it lasted only seconds.

“They saw us – they pointed right at us and started moving around the berthing spaces where they were located,” explained Shaw.

“We weren’t sure what they were going to do,” continued Hayward, “but when we heard the words ‘Americans’, and then saw the Iraqi soldiers actually putting their hands behind their heads – we became relieved, but stayed just as alert as we had been from the beginning. It was a tense few seconds.”

Once the area was secured, interrogations began – and, according to Hayward and Shaw, went well.

“They were waiting to surrender,” exclaimed Shaw, “They were actually glad to see us, and cooperated fully – they fired no shots, showed no real aggression, and provided EOD with the information we had been looking for.”

“When the explosives guy came forward, we used every communications means available to find out what we had ahead of us,” continued Hayward. “We had carried a small arsenal of our own to show these guys what we were looking for – and the visual aides we used, were the items we expected to find.”

Hayward and Shaw went on to say

that while there were hidden arms and ordnance, the Iraqi military placed on MABOT and KAAOT had pretty much laid-out the contraband for the coalition forces and EOD to find.

“It was pretty ironic,” said Shaw, “The MABOT group had nearly all their weapons and explosives in the berthing with them.” Hayward added, “The KAAOT crew didn’t quite put it right in front of us, but it was mostly staged and pre-positioned in a single location – very nice indeed.”

Spanning a period of seven days, and combining the efforts of 11 EOD technicians from EODMU-11, Det. 5, EODMU-2, Dets. 20 and 22 and a command and control representative from Commander, Amphibious Group Three (CPG-3), a stockpile of surface-to-air missiles, light machine guns, cans of ammunition, rocket-propelled grenade launchers, high explosives, detonators, timing devices, and fuses totaling nearly 300 pieces were found aboard the one-mile stretch of MABOT and KAAOT.

According to the EOD technicians aboard, small arms continued to be found wrapped in blankets, stuffed into air-ducts, hidden in beds and ovens, and placed amongst the steelwork corners all over the platform.

“The Iraqis could have done some serious damage, explained Lt. Cmdr. Edan Antoine of CPG-3, “there was enough high explosives aboard to blow the platforms and cause an enormous ecological disaster – we’re just glad they used their heads, and realized their actions would have affected the future of the Iraqi people.”

Weapons and explosives searches were conducted by EOD technicians from beneath the water line to the top of the platform – well over 180 feet from the water up.

“We did an extensive search,” said Hayward, “and we felt pretty good about the dives conducted on the structure supports and the main forty-inch oil risers

even before we started.” Hayward explained that while the threat of underwater charges was a real one, the condition of dive equipment found and intelligence collected during the initial contact led EOD to believe that the threat was minimal.

“The dive-gear was in pretty rough shape – missing parts, dry-rotted seals and equipment – we were able to assess early on that there was no underwater threat, but we did extensive dives just to be sure.”

The Camp Patriot combined EOD team amplifies the U.S. Navy’s EOD mission and reputation. Removing over two-tons of crew-serve arms, ammunition and explosives from the hands of the oppressive Baath Party regime, team technicians say that all equipment that

was confiscated will be evaluated for use by the Free Iraqi Fighting Force (FIFF) to help assist in the continued disarming of the regime;

ensuring a viable and secure Iraq.

“We’re proud to have done our part,” concluded Aviation Boatswain’s Mate – Equipment 1st Class Paul Darga. “The people of Iraq can be assured that the oil terminals we secured belong to them – and the oil that now continues to flow from those terminals belongs to the free Iraq – not to Saddam Hussein.”

Operation Iraqi Freedom continues to be a delicately orchestrated dance involving many nations, units, battalions and individuals – and key players from the beginning, the U.S. Navy’s EOD members forward deployed to Camp Patriot.

EOD members are qualified in both static and free-fall parachute jumps and can parachute or be delivered by helicopter rope suspension techniques, including fastrope, rappel, and special purpose insert and extraction, to minefields or other areas suspected to have unexploded ordnance and booby traps. They are able to operate both closed circuit diving rigs (bubbleless units) as well as open circuit SCUBA.

“The oil that now continues to flow from those terminals belongs to the free Iraq - Not Saddam Hussein

ABE1 (EOD) Paul Darga

Entertainment News...

Iraqi Athletes Recall Torture by Saddam's Son Uday Hussein

Former Iraqi Olympians were routinely jailed and abused for losing or disobeying orders from Uday Hussein, the vicious head of the Iraqi Olympic Committee.

By Anita Vogel

Issam Thamer Aldiwan, a former Iraqi Olympic volleyball player now living in El Cajon, Calif., can't forget the horrors he endured under the Hussein regime before he escaped to America.

Athletes were routinely jailed and tortured for losing or disobeying orders from Uday, head of the Iraqi Olympic Committee, Aldiwan said.

Aldiwan said he spent three months in prison for refusing to steal equipment from the Kuwaiti team. While jailed, he said he endured "three days without anything — no drink, no food — anything, nothing." Con Coughlin, author of *Saddam: King of Terror*, told Fox News that he had personally spoken with athletes that were tortured at such a complex.

"The Iraqi Olympic organization developed a reputation for great brutality in the basement of the headquarters of this facility in Baghdad where there's a prison complex," Coughlin told Fox News.

"Uday himself would come down and supervise the torture."

Najem Alekabi, a former wrestler, said he was badly wounded by Uday's bodyguard after he was overheard making negative statements about the regime. "He shot me, shot me with a gun, shot me in the back, with hole in my chest," Alekabi said.

Aldiwan's brother, Hussain, also a volleyball player, said Uday would often administer the torture himself, taking pleasure in the humiliation of athletes he felt didn't measure up.

"He killed a lot of people," he said.

"He put him on the floor and he pee on him, just pee on him, and they laugh, and the guy covers his head and this is

a human being in Iraq, this is the regime in Iraq."

According to Newsweek editor Mike Hirsch, not even Saddam could tolerate Uday's uncontrollable temper.

"Uday appears to have gone somewhat over the top, even for Saddam Hussein," he told

Fox News. "[Saddam] has punished him apparently by removing any important jobs from his portfolio

and giving him these rather marginal-type jobs: head of the Olympic committee, a newspaper to run, really no important levels of power."

It seems Uday, Saddam's eldest son, couldn't manage to keep up with even those responsibilities without playing out his homicidal ways. Under his direction, the Olympic committee taught

everything but good sportsmanship.

"There are many stories of Uday raping women and killing the boyfriends of girlfriends who protest when Uday makes advances," Coughlin said. "Uday was his father's pride. Unfortunately, Uday became somewhat of a psychopath."

Ali Sharif, president of the Iraqi National Congress, told Fox News that Saddam exposed his sons at an early age to executions and torture so one day they could lead the country in his way. "The two sons of Saddam Hussein really are incredibly evil," said Sharif. "They take pleasure in torture and murder, just because that's their nature."

It's been nearly 25 years since the tortured Olympians played on their home turf, but if Issam has his way he will go back to Iraq to rebuild the Olympic program, ensuring that future generations of Iraqi athletes can compete in an arena free of fear.



Things to Remember!

Sick Call Hours

0800 - 1000

1300 - 1400

1800 - 1900

Emergencies 24 hours a day

Barber Shop Hours

Appts.....0800 - 1600

Walk-ins.....1800 - 2000

Library

1000 - 2200

AA Meeting

Monday.....1930

AAFES Hours

Daily.....1000 - 2000

Galley Hours

Breakfast.....0500 - 0800

Lunch.....1130 - 1230

Dinner.....1700 - 2000

Laundry Service

Mornings 1000 - 1300

Afternoons 1400 - 1800



Sports Shorts

NHL PLAYOFF STANDINGS

Eastern Conference

	GP	W	L	T	OTL	PTS
Ottawa	82	52	21	8	1	113
New Jersey	82	46	20	10	6	108
Tampa Bay	82	36	25	16	5	93
Philadelphia	82	45	20	13	4	107
Toronto	82	44	28	7	3	98
Washington	82	39	29	8	6	92
Boston	82	36	31	11	4	87
NY Islanders	82	35	34	11	2	83
NY Rangers	82	32	36	10	4	78
Montreal	82	30	35	8	9	77
Atlanta	82	31	39	7	5	74
Buffalo	82	27	37	10	8	72
Florida	82	24	36	13	9	70
Pittsburgh	82	27	44	6	5	65
Carolina	82	22	43	11	6	61

Western Conference

	GP	W	L	T	OTL	PTS
Dallas	82	46	17	15	4	111
Detroit	82	48	20	10	4	110
Colorado	82	42	19	13	8	105
Vancouver	82	45	23	13	1	104
St. Louis	82	41	24	11	6	99
Minnesota	82	42	29	10	1	95
Anaheim	82	40	27	9	6	95
Edmonton	82	36	26	11	9	92
Chicago	82	30	33	13	6	79
Los Angeles	82	33	37	6	6	78
Phoenix	82	31	35	11	5	78
Calgary	82	29	36	13	4	75
Nashville	82	27	35	13	7	74
San Jose	82	28	37	9	8	73
Columbus	82	29	42	8	3	69

Quarterfinals Scores (Friday)

East: New Jersey 4 - Boston 2 (Devils lead series 2-0), Philadelphia 4 - Toronto 1 (Series tied 1-1)
West: Dallas 6 - Edmonton 1 (Series tied 1-1)

NBA OVERALL STANDINGS

Eastern Conference

	W	L	PCT	GB
Detroit	48	31	.608	----
New Jersey	48	31	.608	----
Philadelphia	47	32	.595	1
Indiana	46	33	.582	2
New Orleans	44	35	.557	4
Boston	42	37	.532	6
Orlando	41	38	.519	7
Milwaukee	40	40	.500	8½
Washington	37	42	.468	11
New York	36	43	.456	12
Atlanta	33	46	.418	15
Chicago	29	51	.363	19½
Toronto	24	55	.304	24
Miami	24	56	.300	24½
Cleveland	15	64	.190	33

Western Conference

	W	L	PCT	GB
San Antonio	59	20	.747	----
Sacramento	58	23	.716	2
Dallas	57	22	.722	2
Minnesota	49	31	.613	10½
LA Lakers	48	31	.608	11
Portland	48	31	.608	11
Utah	47	33	.588	12½
Phoenix	43	36	.544	16
Houston	40	39	.506	19
Seattle	39	40	.494	20
Golden State	38	41	.481	21
Memphis	28	51	.354	31
LA Clippers	24	55	.304	35
Denver	17	62	.215	42

Friday Scores

Mil 105 - Tor 103, Atl 109 - Cleve 89, Orl 98 - Ind 86, Wash 91 - Miami 87, Minn 106 - Clprs 90, NY 108 - Philly 103, Mem 96 - Port 93, NO 93 - Det 89, Chi 95 - NJ 86, SAnt 94 - Stle 86, Utah 95 - Dls 92, Phnx 117 - Golden State 101, Sacramento 105 - Denver 103

MLB REGULAR STANDINGS

American League

	W	L	PCT	GB
Kansas City	8	0	1.000	----
NY Yankees	8	1	.889	½
Oakland	7	3	.700	2
Boston	6	4	.600	3
Chicago Sox	6	4	.600	3
Anaheim	5	5	.500	4
Toronto	5	5	.500	4
Minnesota	4	6	.400	5
Seattle	4	6	.400	5
Tampa Bay	4	6	.400	5
Texas	4	6	.400	5
Baltimore	3	6	.333	5½
Cleveland	3	6	.333	5½
Detroit	0	9	.000	8½

National League

	W	L	PCT	GB
San Francisco	10	1	.909	----
Houston	7	2	.778	2
Pittsburgh	7	3	.700	2½
Colorado	6	4	.600	3½
Montreal	6	4	.600	3½
Chicago Cubs	5	5	.500	4½
Philadelphia	5	5	.500	4½
Florida	5	6	.455	5
San Diego	5	6	.455	5
St. Louis	4	5	.444	5
Los Angeles	5	7	.417	5½
Cincinnati	4	6	.400	5½
NY Mets	4	6	.400	5½
Atlanta	4	7	.364	6
Milwaukee	3	7	.300	6½
Arizona	2	8	.200	7½

Friday Scores

Pitts 3 - Cubs 2, Expos 10 - Mets 0, Royals 1 - Indians 0, ChiSox 5 - Tigers 0, Reds 7 - Phillies 6, Twins 6 - Blue Jays 4, Angels 9 - A's 5, Rangers 4 - Mariners 2, Marlins 7 - Braves 4, Astros 3 - Cardinals 2, Padres 6 - Rockies 4, Brewers 11 - Diamond Backs 7, Giants 3 - Dodgers 2

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Jeff Gordon earned his third Bud Pole Award at Martinsville Speedway with a lap of 94.307 mph on Friday. He'll start Sunday's Virginia 500 alongside Dale Earnhardt, Jr. while Ryan Newman will start third.

Gordon finally beat Ryan Newman! After getting knocked off the pole last year in Virginia, then again last month at Bristol, Gordon turned the tables in impressive fashion Friday winning the pole for Sunday's 500-mile Virginia race.

Winston Cup Standings

After: Aaron's 499

Next: Virginia 500

Winner: D. Earnhardt, Jr.

Martinsville Speedway

Rank	Driver	Points Behind
1.	Matt Kenseth	Leader
2.	Dale Earnhardt, Jr.	-129
3.	Kurt Busch	-187
4.	Jimmie Johnson	-220
5.	Jeff Gordon	-222
6.	Ricky Craven	-233
7.	Michael Waltrip	-239
8.	Kevin Harvick	-256
9.	Tony Stewart	-296
10.	Elliott Sadler	-338